Mr. T. K. Kittan : ആദ്യം സ്പെഷ്യൽലോണിന്റെ അടിയിൽ കാണുന്നതെല്ലാം സിങ്കിങ്ങ് ഫണ്ടിനുള്ളതാണോ ?

Mr. R. Rama Varier : അല്ല. അച്ചടിയിൽ അതു കുറച്ചു കൂടി താഴ്ത്തി അടിക്കാമായിരുന്നു.

Mr. T. K. Kittan : അപ്പോൾ അതൊരു അച്ചടിതെറ്റാണോ ?

Mr. R. Rama Varier : അല്ല.

Mr. Thomas Chandy Mukkadan : അതു ഒരു അച്ചടി തെറ്റല്ലെങ്കിലും മെംബറുടെ തെറ്റല്ലെങ്കിലും അതു ഒരു തെറ്റുതന്നെയാണോ ?

Mr. R. Rama Varier : അല്ല. അതിൽ ഒരുതെറ്റുമില്ല.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai : Sir, I rise to a point of order. The member has agreed to go to the office of the Financial Secretary.

President: No undertaking of an honourable member to go to Mr. Rama Varier's Office binds this House.

Mr. T. K. Kittan : അതു കണക്കുകൂട്ടുന്നതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചാണ്. ഇനി വേറെയും സംഗതികൾ എനിക്കു പറയാനുണ്ട്.

The question that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 3,05,815 under Demand XII-General Administration, Financial Secretariat, Accountant-General's Office and Treasury Department, was put and carried.

The Demand was passed and the grant was made.

DEMAND XIII-GENERAL ADMINISTRATION-LEGISLATIVE BODIES.

Rajyasevapravina M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar : Sir, I rise to move for an allotment of Rs. 46,300 under Demand XIII-General Administration—Legislative Bodies.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : There is a general complaint by visitors that they cannot hear the speeches going on here. This complaint was also raised by the members of the House. It is high time that some measures are found out to remedy this defect. Dr. H. Parameswaran has written an article in the current "Travancore Information" on acoustics correction in the Legislative Hall. He finds fault with the disability of poor speakers and installing of loud speakers. Here he gives a description of all the measures

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taken by him to reduce the echo effect. He says that two main causes contribute to this defect. On page 37 of the book he says as follows:

> "Excessive reverberation results in an accumulation of sound in the hall due to syllable after syllable of a speech uttered rapidly without allowing time for each sound to die away by absorption before the next one is uttered. The presence of a large audience filling the hall ensures this absorption rapidly. Thus the rapid death of the sound results in distinctness of speech. The Legislative Chamber proved this by its excellent performance at the last Convocation when it seated over a thousand people. The speeches of His Highness the Maharaja and the Dewan Vice-Chancellor came out distinct and clear. This is proved again at every Budget Session attended by at least 650 people. Every speech then comes out so clear. Even at normal meetings when the audience does not exceed 200 the hall is well manageable by experienced speakers like the Dewan who know to modulate the voice and speak in a slow and deliberate manner."

But I think that it is not practical or possible to have a large audience filling the hall so far as this Council sessions are concerned with smaller number of people. Another remedy suggested by him is this :

> "I am reminded in this connection of the cure I was called upon to effect in another Legislative Council Chamber where I had to come away with the unpleasant observation that what needed a cure was the speaker and not the hall. The only cure for such a situation is perhaps a realisation by every speaker that even in the best of halls, it is the duty of every speaker to speak deliberately with slow and loud enunciation. The slurring or hurrying through at the end of every word and sentence is a serious defect to be specially guarded against by fluent speakers."

I do not know whether it is possible to comply with the two remedies suggested. There is remedy suggested by the layman though he is not an authority on the subject, and that is putting up of 'Melketties' about the level of the dome. It is said that would minimise this defect. Others suggest that two or three moving microphones should be adjusted whenever a member speaks, and loud speakers adjusted in various parts of the House.

Mr. V. Sankara Menon : May I know whether the loud speakers are to be installed inside the building or outside ?

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : They should be installed in proper places. I am not an expert in that matter.

President : In one of the Indian Legislatures what has been done is this. There are portable microphones which is run round. Each person by adjustment can speak into the microphone. That has been considered by this Government.

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Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: Then there is the other suggestion. On enquiry it was learned that the Metro Theatre Hall at Bombay is free from this defect. The methods adopted there can also be adopted here. Air conditioning the room may be tried and then we can remove these noisy fans. I would therefore request the Government that early steps be taken into see that such complaints are removed.

Mr. M. K. Anantasiva Aiyar: Sir, in supporting the demand I want to bring to the notice of Government another defect of this Hall. Ever since we were accommodated in this Hall I have been, like my friend or my left side, experiencing much perspiration due to want of sufficient air and as a result of which we get very severe head-ache when we leave this House. I request that something should be done to get us more air.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai: Sir, I also wish to point out the delay in the supply of departmental reports to the members of the House. Usually it has been the practice to supply these reports to all the members of the Legislature before Makaram. Even now I may submit we have not got the reports of some Departments. For instance the Administration Report of the Police Department has not reached us. This delay should not be allowed. I think, Sir, there is no fun in asking us to discuss budgetary grants of departments without allowing us to read the Administration Reports. I want the authorities to insist upon the respective departmental heads to send forward their reports in time so that it may be possible for us to get ourselves prepared for the budget discussion.

Khan Bahadur Rajyasevapravina G. S. Abdul Karim Sahib Suhrawardy: Sir, the Administration Report of the Police Department was sent in time. I am not responsible for the member not getting a copy of the same.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai: I am not concerned whether it was sent early or late. My complaint is not against the Inspector-General. My complaint is against the member in charge of the Legislative Body and so I am not prepared to hear anything from other quarters. Therefore, Sir, arrangements should be made to enable us to get these reports before the general discussion on the Budget commences.

Sir, another point which I wish to suggest is in regard to the working of the Library Committee. Sir, the Library Committee has been constituted. It has met only rarely, I think, during the course of these two years it has met once or twice. As a member of the Committee I want to disclaim all responsibility for not doing anything because the Convener has not called together any meeting.

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President: Who is the Convener?

Rajyasevapravina M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: Mr. Kuppuswamy Aiyar, one of the Secretaries.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai: We have made certain arrangements for the purchase of books and we had also suggested the sale of old and antiquated publications. Now we are not aware what has become of those recommendations. Sir, we the non-officials are now in a very unhappy position so far as this matter is concerned. So I would request the Government to see that the Committee meets very often and the non-officials are made more familiar with the working of the Department.

Then, Sir, with regard to the old question on which a resolution was passed, i. e., regarding the emoluments to the members of this Legislature. I think that this Council has passed a resolution that the travelling allowance and the daily allowance to the members may be compounded and a monthly allowance may be given to them. But I am at a loss to know what has happened to that suggestion. Sir, with regard to the election of members to the various committees and Select Committees only those persons who are interested in those things should come forward for getting themselves elected. But if all the Members are assured of their allowance as the House suggested, I think for the proper working of the House, much competition among the members in this direction can be avoided. I think the time has come for giving monthly allowances to all the members. Various Provincial Legislatures in British India during the time of the Congress Ministry adopted this method of payment to the members. I think we have also reached a stage when we can expect to adopt that system. With these suggestions I support the motion.

Mr. K. M. Kesavan: Sir, while agreeing with the suggestions made by my honourable friend Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai, I wish to say a few words more on this motion. Sir, to an interpellation put by me last year it was answered that the State Manual had been prepared and submitted and that only 3 volumes of it had been published. But I wish to point out that till now we have not been supplied with any copy of it. Therefore, I should like to draw the attention of Government to this matter and request that copies of the State Manual may be supplied free of cost to the members of the Legislature without any further delay.

Rajyasevapravina M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: With regard to the acoustics of this Chamber, I may say, that Dr. Parameswaran was consulted in the matter and it was according to his suggestion that the changes that the honourable members may see

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[Rajyasevapravina M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar.]

on the ceiling and elsewhere were made. And it is seen that there is perceptible improvement. I may also assure the honourable members that further investigations are being made.

Mr. Anantasiva Aiyar was referring to the paucity of electric fans. As early as 1115 Government ordered some more fans of the type provided here, but owing to the War we were not able to get them.

Then, with regard to the delay in the supply of departmental reports, I can only say that I am really sorry that this complaint was raised. The Administration Report of the Police Department was distributed before the General Discussion of the Budget commenced. Any how, I shall certainly enquire about this.

With regard to the Library Committee, I shall enquire why the Convener has not called together meetings. But I learn that orders have already been issued for the purchase of the books referred to here.

Concerning the supply of the State Manual to the Members of the Legislature, the question was raised in the other House also and the matter is engaging the attention of Government.

As regards allowances to the members which was referred to by Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai and Mr. K. M. Kesavan all that I can say is that the matter will be considered.

The question that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 46,300 under Demand XIII—Legislative Bodies was put and carried.

The grant was made.

The House adjourned at 4-30 P. M. to meet again at 11 o' clock next day.

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